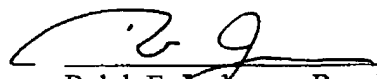


Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

It is respectfully submitted that while the specific features and relationships mentioned in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, these are not the only reasons for allowance. For example, the Statement references portions of the independent claims as not being taught or suggested by the prior art. However, it should be noted that the claims recite additional features and relationships not mentioned in the Statement, which are also not disclosed or suggested by the prior art.

Also, some of the portions of the independent claims mentioned in the Statement are not word for word copies of the corresponding features recited in the respective claims. Rather, it appears that the Examiner has summarized some of the portions of the independent claims. Thus, any discrepancies between the features mentioned in the Statement and the features recited in the claims should not be considered to be further limitations or alterations of the scope of the allowed claims. Rather, it should be understood that the allowed subject matter is to only be directed to that subject matter which is recited in the claims. Any remarks in the Statement which add to or subtract from the recited subject matter should be disregarded.

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